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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: SHARMA LINKS NIXON ADMINISTRATION WITH INDIA'S FOES

REF: NEW DELHI 3458

SUMMARY: IN A WIDELY REPORTED SPEECH CONGRESS PRESIDENT SHARMA HAS DRAWN EXPLICIT PARALLEL BETWEEN USG- PRC RAPPROCHEMENT AND TIES BETWEEN DOMESTIC " RIGHT REACTION

AND LEFT ADVENTURISM". HE ALLEGES FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC RIGHTISTS ESPECIALLY ARE IN LEAGUE AGAINST SOCIALIST, EMERGING INDIA. SHARMA CITED PRIME MINISTER'S 1970 LUSAKA REMARKS AND MADE MORE EXPLICIT HER RECENT INNUENDOES. ACTION: I WILL RAISE WITH PM'S SECRETARY. END SUMMARY.

1. CONGRESS FORUM FOR SOCIALIST ACTION, COMPOSED OF FORMER COMMUNISTS AND FELLOW- TRAVELERS NOW IN RULING  
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CONGRESS PARTY, HELD PUBLIC " SEMINAR ON DANGERS OF RIGHT REACTION" IN NEW DELHI MARCH 31 - APRIL 1. SEVERAL UNION MINISTERS AND PRO- MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA ( CPI) LEADERS SHARED PLATFORM BEFORE ESTIMATED 40 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ( . MPS). MOST SPEAKERS REPEATED PRIMIN' S INNUENDOES ( REFTEL) THAT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC RIGHTISTSLINKED IN OPPOSITION TO CONGRESS' SOCIALIST POLICIES AND INDIA' S POST- BANGLADESH EMERGENCE. PRIMIN NEITHER ADDRESSED NOR SENT GREETINGS TO SEMINAR.

2. IGNORING STRONG OBJECTIONS OF ANTI- COMMUNIST CONGRESS MPS IN NEHRU FORUM, CONGRESS PRESIDENT SHARMA INAUGURATED SEMINAR MARCH 31, WITH WIDELY- REPORTED SPEECH. HIS PRIMARY THEME WAS NEED FOR CONGRESSMEN TO UNITE AGAINST COALESCING DOMESTIC " RIGHT REACTION" TO ASSURE THAT PRIMIN' S SOCIALIST POLICIES ARE IMPLEMENTED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT RIGHTISTS AND " MONOPOLY PRESS" ARE OUT TO DISCREDIT PRIMIN THROUGH ALLEGATIONS THAT HER CABINET IS COMMUNIST- DOMINATED.

3. SHARMA ASSERTED CONGRESS LEADERSHIP IS QUITE SURE " RIGHT REACTION AND LEFT ADVENTURISM" WOULD LINK UP AGAINST PRIMIN' S POLICIES. HE SAID IT WAS NO SURPRISE PRESIDENT NIXON AND CHAIRMAN MAO HAD COME TO " SOME UNDERSTANDING": EVEN HINDU NATIONALIST JANA SANGH PARTY AND OPPOSITION MARXIST COMMUNISTS ( CPI- M) HAD " JOINED HANDS". HE RECALLED PRIMIN' S 1970 WARNING AT LUSAKA NON- ALIGNED CONFERENCE THAT POWERFUL VESTED INTERESTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE COUNTRY WERE COMBINING TO STRENGTHEN STRUCTURE ON NEO- COLONIALISM. REPEATING THEME OF PRIMIN' S RECENT REMARKS ( REFTEL, HE STATED THERE WAS NO DOUBT FOREIGN ELEMENTS INIMICAL TO INDIA WERE AIDING DOMESTIC REACTIONARIES' " GRAND ALLIANCES".

4. COMMENT: AS IN 1972 CIA AFFAIR, PRIMIN HAD INDICATED TONE AND DIRECTION THROUGH VAGUE INNUEDOES ( WHOSE MEANING PERFECTLY CLEAR TO COTERPZ# AND INFORMED OUTSIDERS), THEN HAS LET SHARMA DRAW PARALLELS AND MAKE MORE SPECIFIC CHARGES. OTHER CONGRESS SATRAPS HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO CHIME IN. I AM SCHEDULED TO CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER' S PRIVATE SECRETARY P. N. DHAR ON APRIL 4 AND WILL RAISE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER THEN. I DO NOT PROPOSE EVEN TO DISCUSS THE CHARGE,

BUT WILL SIMPLY STATE THAT AS THE PRESUMEDLY RESPONSIBLE  
PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING PARTY HEADED BY THE PRIME  
MINISTER HERSELF, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT IGNORE IT.  
I WILL DECLARE MYSELF AMAZED AT THE LEVEL OF ARGUMENT--  
WHAT LENIN ONCE CALLED AN " INFANTILE DISORDER". I WILL  
NOTE THAT SHARMA' S REMARKS RUN PRECISELY CONTRARY TO  
THE STATED GOI POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH  
THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT IF CONTINUED COULD PROVE

CALAMITOUS TO THAT OBJECTIVE. I WILL LEAVE WITH HIM A  
PERSONAL MEMORANDUM TO THIS EFFECT, AND ASK THAT HE  
INFORM THE PRIME MINISTER OF MY VIEWS.  
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